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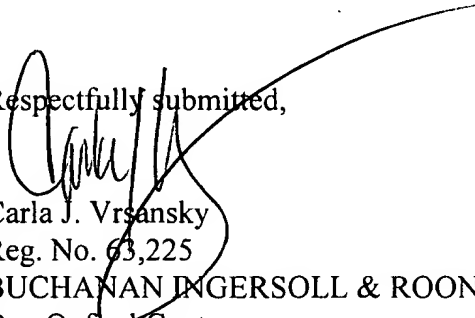
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 25, 2006 in the above-referenced application, attached please find a revised Amendment compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.